Yesterday I cast a "no" vote for the Democrat proposed \$819 billion stimulus bill which passed 244-188. The 647 page bill was a virtual laundry list of government programs, most of which will do nothing to stimulate the economy. The cost estimate for residents of the Third Congressional District comes to \$2,700 for every man, woman, and child.

Yesterday, we had an opportunity to take action that would have an immediate effect on our ailing economy. However, when you look at the frivolous spending in this bill, along with what it will cost you, there is no way I could vote for it. A lot of these programs have nothing to do with creating new jobs or bringing relief to families and small business. I believe if we had focused on things like tax cuts - which have been shown to have an immediate effect on our economy and accelerate the appeals processes for local "shovel ready" projects, these areas would show immediate effect. When our economy is sinking in a sea of red ink, the only job Congress has is to concentrate on economic recovery. We face difficult circumstances and let's not allow the current economic situation to be an excuse to engage in a reckless spending spree which will add to a growing mountain of debt.

I would like to draw your attention to Martin Feldstein's Op-Ed in today's *Washington Post*, "An \$800 Billion Mistake."

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Lungren Member of Congress

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